MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

### VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

#### MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope there is no objection. The question is—

'That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.' "

The motion was put and carried.

### V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

#### (2) THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill[a] 1954, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

This is a very simple amendment proposed to the present law on the subject. Under the existing arrangement, the Inspector-General of Registration is also the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and he is in charge of the Societies Registration Act. Now, Sir, the registration of joint stock companies has become the responsibility of the Government of India and there is a separate officer for the job. The Societies Registration Act is administered by this State and, therefore, it is proposed that the Inspector-General of Registration may take over this work. The amending Bill seeks to give effect to this decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was put and carried.

*Clause 2.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is an amendment to this clause given notice of by Mr. A. Ratnam. I think it is out of order."

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